

Chapter 11

**Letters Received in Support of Project Following  
Release of the 1997 Draft EIR/EIS**

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Table 11-1 lists letters received in support of the project. No responses have been prepared for these letters.

**Table 11-1: Comments Received in Support of Project**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>		<b>Comment Letter</b>
1/15/98	Norman Borth	Jackson Valley Irrigation District	L 24
2/24/98	Gene Wolfe, Mayor	City of Walnut Creek	L 25
2/25/98	Charles C. Escover, Mayor	City of Pleasant Hill	L 26
11/4/98	Dorie V. Gallinatti	Oakland Association of Realtors	Sp 24
11/17/97	Dennis J. Spaniol	Council of Industries	Sp 25
11/24/97	P. Richard Means	The Keys	Sp 26
12/11/97	Charles W. Brydon	American River Utilization Committee	Sp 27
12/31/97	Keith Carson	Economic Development Alliance for Business	Sp 28
2/17/98	Tom Goff	California Alliance for Jobs	Sp 29
11/4/97	Irwin C. Hansen	Summit Medical Center	Ind 101
11/14/97	Jonathan O. Mayes,	Safeway, Inc.	Ind 102
2/11/98	John N. Henderson	Piedmont Resident	Ind 103



JACKSON VALLEY  
IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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January 15, 1998

Mr. Kurt Ladensack  
Water Supply Improvements Division  
EBMUD, MS #305  
P.O. Box 24055  
Oakland, CA 94623

SUBJECT: EBMUD/USBR Supplemental Water Supply Project - November 1997

Dear Mr. Ladensack:

The Jackson Valley Irrigation District, located in south western Amador County, has been following with great interest, your project to develop supplemental water for the East Bay Municipal Utility District. It is unfortunate that the Auburn Dam Project on the American River is not being pursued at this time so a greater water benefit could be realized.

For too many years we have allowed our stored water reserves to be used to a point where water rationing is becoming the norm. In April 1997 - Vol 7 No. 4, California Water Journal, it is written: "...Jim Cloern, a biologist at USGS reported that runoff from the storms (Jan. 1997) caused the South Bay to change from a system that's closer to oceanic conditions to one that's closer to lake conditions." The article went on "... while all the implications are still uncertain, the drastic changes are expected to kill vast amounts of shrimp, worms, mussels and clams that live in the Bay. Some may not recover for several years, biologists said." "... Scientists right now are only speculating how the large outflow of fresh water will affect the Bay because no comprehensive study has been done." During the (on going) Bay/Delta Hearings, many Biologists tried to make this point, but were mostly ignored.

East Bay has been a real leader in the studies, data collection and foresight in providing water for their customers. This Project will help the East Bay keep a good

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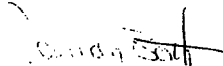
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water supply for some years to come and at the same time offers a beneficial opportunity to Sacramento County to improve their water supply.

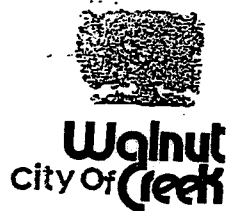
We believe this project should be defined quickly and construction begun at the earliest date possible. We also hope we can work with you during the restructuring of Pardee Dam.

Very truly yours,

JACKSON VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT

  
Norman Borth  
President of the Board

cc: Amador County Board of Supervisors  
Sacramento County Board of Supervisors  
Sacramento City Council  
CAMERA  
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February 24, 1998

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RESOURCES DEPT.

Director John Coleman  
President of the Board  
The East Bay Municipal Utility District  
375 Eleventh Street  
Oakland, CA 94607-4240

Dear President Coleman:

On behalf of the Walnut Creek City Council, I would like to convey our support for the East Bay Municipal Utility District's efforts at addressing the Est Bay's long term water supply requirements with an American River supplemental water supply project. We believe that the region's need for sufficient quantities of high quality water is best achieved by utilizing the District's water service contract with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

We have followed EBMUD's development of its Water Supply Master Plan and have supported those elements which reduce the area's need for additional water supply, particularly the reclamation and conservation programs. We are pleased to now have the opportunity to support the key remaining component, the supplemental water supply project. The American River supplemental supply projects under consideration appear to meet all identified objectives, including the protection of our precious environmental resources.

As you know, we are keenly interested in the future economic health and vitality of the East Bay. We believe the integrated resource planning represented by the East Bay Municipal Utility District's Water Supply Master Plan is a crucial component to any economic forecasting and planning. We congratulate you on the progress that has been made in achieving your water reclamation and conservation goals; and, we heartily support your efforts to secure a supplemental water supply from the American River.

President John Coleman  
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We thank you for your attention and appreciate your courtesy.

Sincerely,

GENE WOLFE  
Mayor

cc: City Council



## City of Pleasant Hill

February 25, 1998

Director John Coleman  
President of the Board  
The East Bay Municipal Utility District  
375 Eleventh Street  
Oakland, CA 94607-4240

Dear President Coleman:

On behalf of the Pleasant Hill City Council, I would like to convey our support for the East Bay Municipal Utility District's efforts at addressing the East Bay's long term water supply requirements, with an American River supplemental water supply project. We believe that the region's need for sufficient quantities of high quality water is best achieved by utilizing the District's water service contract with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

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We thank you for your attention and appreciate your courtesy.

Sincerely,

CHARLES C. ESCOVER  
Mayor

CCE/dm

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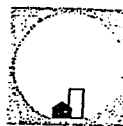


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Oakland  
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November 4, 1997

Director John A. Coleman  
President  
The East Bay Municipal Utility District  
375 Eleventh Street  
Oakland, CA 94607-4240

RE: The American River Project

Dear President Coleman:

On behalf of the Oakland Association of REALTORS®, I would like to convey our support for the agreement reached by EBMUD, the City of Sacramento and the County of Sacramento on the American River Project. We believe that the consensus reached will mutually benefit all parties of interest and the East Bay in particular.

The noted agreement as well as the East Bay Municipal District's Water Supply Management Plan intelligently addresses the short and long-term need for a reliable supply, conservation and storage. As an East Bay entity, we believe the Water Supply Management Plan is most important in our efforts to plan for the future economic vitality of our community and the region.

As you know, we applaud this regional approach to our water supply needs as it ends countless years of acrimony as well as years of legal and political wrangling over the potential use of the East Bay Municipal Utility District's American River entitlement.

Given this history and the residential, commercial as well as industrial water needs of the East Bay, we applaud your effort and hope others will add their support for an agreement as well as a project of historical proportions and a Water Supply Management Plan that makes sense. Further, we will encourage others to add their support because we believe there are other regions within the State of California with significant water needs that would not hesitate to benefit from unnecessary controversy in our own region.



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Director John A. Coleman  
November 4, 1997  
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We thank you for your attention and appreciate your courtesy.

Sincerely,

*Dorie V. Gallinatti*

Dorie V. Gallinatti, GRI, LTG  
1997 President

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Oakland, CA 94612

Supervisor Wilma Chan  
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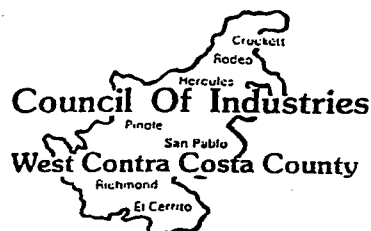
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Dennis J. Spaniol  
Executive Director  
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Hercules, CA 94547-5189  
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November 17, 1997

Director John A. Coleman  
President  
East Bay Municipal Utility District  
375 Eleventh Street  
Oakland, CA 94607-4240

Dear President Coleman:

On behalf of the Council of Industries, I would like to convey our support for the agreement reached by EBMUD, the City of Sacramento and the County of Sacramento on the American River project. We believe that the consensus reached will mutually benefit all parties of interest and the East Bay in particular.

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John Coleman  
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Sincerely,

  
Dennis J. Spaniol  
Executive Director

cc: Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier  
Supervisor Joe Canciamillia  
Supervisor Donna Gerber  
Supervisor Jim Rogers  
Supervisor Gayle B. Uilkema



CONDOMINIUM OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

November 24, 1997

Director John A. Coleman  
President  
The East Bay Municipal Utility District  
375 Eleventh St.  
Oakland, CA 94607-4240

Dear President Coleman:

On behalf of the Keys Condominium Owners' Association, I would like to convey our support for the agreement reached by EBMUD, the City of Sacramento and the County of Sacramento on the American River project. We believe that the consensus reached will mutually benefit all parties of interest and the East Bay in particular.

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Sincerely,



P. Richard Means, PCAM  
General Manager

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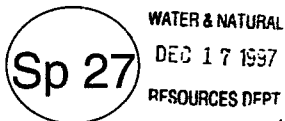
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**American River Utilization Committee**  
6690 San Ramon Valley Blvd., #300  
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**Phone/FAX 855-0312**

December 11, 1997

John Lampe, Director Water Planning  
East Bay Municipal Utility District  
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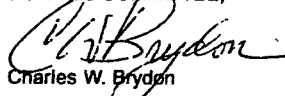
Dear Mr. Lampe,

On December 1, 1997, I submitted oral comments at the scheduled public meeting in Oakland relating to the EBMUD/Sacramento Joint Water supply Project and the Folsom South Canal Connection Project. The purpose of the meeting was to solicit public comment regarding the recently released EIS/EIR relating to this issue.

At the meeting, I promised to submit a copy of the formal recommendations of the American River Utilization Committee regarding the proposed point of diversion. These comments are already contained in a letter to the District dated April 17, 1997, and articulated through a release to the general news media of April 23, 1997. Both of these items are appended hereto.

Thank-you for the opportunity to participate in this important process.

FOR THE COMMITTEE,

  
Charles W. Brydon

Attachments - 2

Ltr to John Lampe  
News Release

**American River Utilization Program**  
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April 17, 1997

John Lampe, Director Water Planning  
East Bay Municipal Utility District  
P.O. Box 24055  
Oakland, CA 24056

Dear Mr. Lampe,

Writing on behalf of the committee, I would once again like to convey our collective appreciation for the hours of work contributed by you and your staff in keeping us informed. The committee is particularly appreciative of the detailed effort required to answer our eight questions contained in our letter to you of February 7, 1997.

Your letter and supporting documentation was distributed to the committee as a whole and at it's March 21th meeting there was a detailed discussion of not only the eight points contained in the 2/7 letter, but also the issues raised in our letter of February 25th. Particularly, the comparative cost of treatment at Fairbairn and various downstream sites.

I have been instructed by the committee to announce that the American River Utilization Committee endorses the preliminary agreement approved by EBMUD, the City of Sacramento and the County of Sacramento. As you are aware, the committee has met monthly for five years and has followed every detail of these deliberations.

We would at this time like to publicly praise EBMUD for finding the consensus that will mutually benefit all parties of interest and one that will allow the water to flow through the environmentally sensitive American River Parkway prior EBMUD's diversion of its specified allotment. We are satisfied that the general public interest is best served by this proposed agreement and wish to go on record in support of your efforts.

FOR THE COMMITTEE:

  
Charles W. Brydon

Attachment - 1

News Release: "Water Group Endorses American River Plan."

# American River Utilization Committee

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April 23, 1997

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Water Group Endorses American River Plan

Contact: Charles Brydon (510) 828-5934

An organization of Bay Area water professional and civic leaders has declared its support for a multi-county agreement that would allow the East Bay Municipal Utility District to utilize its American River water rights.

The American River Utilization Committee, an unpaid, non-profit group chaired by former State Sen. John A. Nejedly of Walnut Creek, said a preliminary agreement approved by EBMUD, the City of Sacramento and the County of Sacramento, is a strong step toward providing delivery of high-quality water that EBMUD ratepayers have been paying for since 1970.

The group praised the EBMUD Board of Directors and staff for working toward a project that could end nearly 30 years of court conflict over the use of American River water.

Under a compromise agreement worked out by the three agencies, Sacramento regional groups would cooperate with EBMUD to provide the East Bay with adequate water supplies during dry years. In exchange, EBMUD would take its American River allotment from a point near Interstate 5 in Sacramento. The new diversion point would allow the water to flow through the environmentally sensitive American River Parkway from Nimbus Reservoir to Sacramento before EBMUD would move its allotment south into its Mokelumne River system.

The American River Utilization Committee, a group of former water managers, legislators, mayors, city council members and

civic leaders, meet regularly to consider water quality and water supply problems in the East Bay. The group long has opposed alternative proposals which would require EEMUD to take poor-quality water from the Sacramento River below its confluence with the American River.

Committee members had supported the original contract with the Bureau of Reclamation, which called for diversion of the American River to the East Bay from Nimbus Reservoir through the Folsom South Canal, but they regard the new proposal as a way to end years of court battles through negotiations with the City and County of Sacramento and other interested parties. The Nimbus diversion proposal remains on the table as a prime alternative if final agreement is not reached with the Sacramento agencies.

EBMUD's Mokelumne River water supplies, depleted by new state and federal requirements for increased releases from Pardee and Camanche dams, no longer are sufficient to meet minimum needs during dry years. With the American River supply, EBMUD could go through a three-year drought with minimal rationing.

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February 17, 1998

COMMENTS ON: Supplemental Water Supply Project

PRESENTED TO: East Bay Municipal Utility District

PRESENTED BY: Tom Goff  
Assistant Director  
California Alliance For Jobs

The California Alliance For Jobs represents 1,750 Northern California heavy and highway construction companies and their 50,000 union employees. Our members specialize in infrastructure projects, including the construction of water and wastewater pipelines, pumping stations and treatment facilities.

On behalf of our members, thousands of whom live and work in the EBMUD service area, we strongly urge you and the agencies collaborating with EBMUD on the SWSP to approve and proceed with either Alternative 2 or Alternative 3 as described in the Draft Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement Summary.

Clearly, the "No Action" alternative is not a realistic option if EBMUD is to continue to provide its customers and our members with the current level of excellent service in years to come. Our members rely heavily on that service not only for the execution of daily business, but in meeting basic needs of their private lives. The quality of those lives depends in no small degree on uninterrupted access to one of the basic elements of our existence and a key requisite of prosperity: safe, abundant water.

As your own project summary states, no new water supply or storage has been added to the EBMUD system in 34 years. In that time, the population within the district has increased by nearly 250,000 people. This growth and the population projections for the EBMUD service area starkly underscore the pressing need to access American River water to meet rapidly escalating demand.

Given our region's expanding need for water, the "No Action" alternative would place our members at risk of service disruption in the event of shortages. Studies show that those shortages would occur in even normal rainfall periods despite conservation and reclamation efforts and would be greatly magnified by prolonged drought or a catastrophic earthquake compromising the Mokelumne River diversion facilities.

When it comes to water, our state can no longer afford inaction. Our economy, and more important, the lives and livelihoods of our members and the rest of EBMUD's customers, demand that you move forward and approve either one of the construction alternatives.

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December 31, 1997

Director John A. Coleman  
President of the Board  
The East Bay Municipal Utility District  
375 Eleventh Street  
Oakland, CA 94607-4240

Dear President Coleman:

On behalf of the Economic Development Alliance for Business, I would like to convey our support for the East Bay Municipal Utility District's (EBMUD's) efforts at addressing the East Bay's long-term water supply requirements through the American River supplemental water supply project. We believe that our region's need for sufficient quantities of high quality water is best achieved by utilizing the District's water service contract with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

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As you know, we are keenly interested in the future economic health and vitality of the East Bay. We believe the integrated resource planning represented by EBMUD's Water Supply Master Plan is a crucial component to economic forecasting and planning. Specifically, we now want to support you on your efforts to secure a supplemental water supply from the American River. We will also encourage others to add their support because we believe this project provides sensible long-term planning for our region.

We thank you for your attention and appreciate the opportunity to provide you with these comments.

Sincerely,

*Keith Carson*  
Supervisor Keith Carson  
Chair, EDAB

cc: Supervisor Wilma Chan  
Supervisor Scott Haggerty  
Supervisor Mary King  
Supervisor Gail Steele

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November 4, 1997

Director John A. Coleman  
President  
The East Bay Municipal Utility District  
375 Eleventh Street  
Oakland, California 94607-4240

Dear President Coleman:

On behalf of Summit Medical Center, I would like to convey our support for the agreement reached by EBMUD, the City of Sacramento and the County of Sacramento on the American River project. We believe that the consensus reached will mutually benefit all parties of interest and the East Bay in particular.

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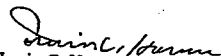
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Sincerely,

  
Irwin C. Hansen  
President & CEO  
Summit Medical Center

c: Supervisor Keith Carson  
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November 14, 1997

Director John A. Coleman  
President  
East Bay Municipal Utility District  
375 Eleventh Street  
Oakland, CA 94607-4240

Dear President Coleman:

I am writing on behalf of Safeway Inc., which operates more than 150 stores and other facilities in the greater Bay Area, to express support of the American River Project agreement between EBMUD, Sacramento, and Sacramento County.

We support the Agreement; and EBMUD's Water Supply Management Plan, because they: (1) appropriately address our region's short- and long-term needs for reliable water supply, conservation and storage; (2) are an important step in helping to ensure future economic vitality of our community and region; and (3) end years of acrimony and legal/political wrangling over EBMUD's use of the American River entitlement.

We support and applaud your work on the Agreement and the Plan, and wish you much success in implementing them.

Sincerely,

Jonathan O. Mayes, Esq.  
Corporate Director, Government Relations

cc: Alameda County Board of Supervisors

bc: Gregory L. Chan  
EBMUD-Public Affairs Office

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JOHN N. HENDERSON  
165 Scenic Avenue  
Piedmont, California 94611  
510/655-1602

February 11, 1998

Mr. Kurt Ladensack  
East Bay Municipal Utility District, MS #305  
Box 24055  
Oakland, CA 94623-1055

Dear Mr. Ladensack:

Re: Draft EIR/EIS for the EBMUD/USBR Supplemental Water Supply Project

This letter is to express support for this project and suggest that this project be expedited as much as possible. Admittedly this seems a bit silly when we are having the heaviest winter in most peoples memory. However we have owned the house at the above address for 28 years and we remember both the droughts of the eighties and the repeat performance in the early nineties - and we don't want to go through that again. Nor do we want the quality of our water supply to deteriorate.

We have been members of the Sierra Club since 1955 and while I do not know their reaction to this proposal, if it follows their usual line, they will claim your draft is inadequate, that we can solve all our problems by conservation, and that more supply will simply bring more housing to the District. I want you to know that they do not speak for me.

Prior to retirement I worked on several EIR/EISs. No matter how hard you try, no matter how many consultants you hire, no matter how long it takes, if they don't like the project the environmental community will claim the product is inadequate and biased. Mostly they are just looking for ways to stall the project hoping that it will go away. Don't let that happen to this one.

We tried conservation. In the drought in the eighties we practiced the slogan "if it's yellow that's mellow, if it is brown flush it down" and our house smelled of urine every summer. Who needs that? We also set up a gray water system for garden irrigation and lost over half of our permanent plants, as well as foregoing our vegetable garden. In the nineties we were able to comply with the rationing by being careful and again foregoing our seasonal garden. These are quality of life issues just the same as fresh water flow to the Bay, but they are a lot closer home and impacted us every day. We don't see the need for, if it can be avoided.

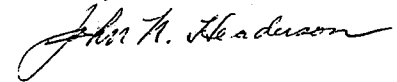
Indeed more water may bring more housing - but since there is no legal way to keep people from being born or migrating to California, it only makes sense to prepare for them. Anything else is hiding our heads in the sand.

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As I read it the authors of the report do not make any recommendation arguing that all the options have similar tradeoffs. Personally I would prefer returning to diverting the water at Nimbus Dam because that would give us the best quality. However from a practical political viewpoint that may not be feasible. Our friends in the Sacramento area would rather see the lower diversion point so as to preserve the summer flow of the American River through the City during the summer. I suspect that support from that area is essential if this project is to fly.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,



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